

aisle. I want to thank the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. BOUCHER), his co-operation and good temperament is always a joy to work with and I thank him very much.

Mrs. CUBIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WALDEN of Oregon). The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Wyoming (Mrs. CUBIN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2641, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

LANCE CORPORAL HAROLD GOMEZ POST OFFICE

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 1295) to designate the United States Post Office located at 3813 Main Street in East Chicago, Indiana, as the "Lance Corporal Harold Gomez Post Office."

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 1295

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF LANCE CORPORAL HAROLD GOMEZ POST OFFICE.

The United States Post Office located at 3813 Main Street in East Chicago, Indiana, shall be known and designated as the "Lance Corporal Harold Gomez Post Office".

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the post office referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Lance Corporal Harold Gomez Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on S. 1295.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, we have before us S. 1295 introduced by the distinguished senator from Indiana, Senator LUGAR, on June 6, 1999. The legislation passed the Senate on November 19, 1999 and was received in the House soon thereafter.

Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. VISCLOSKEY) introduced identical legislation, H.R. 2358, on June 24 of 1999 and, pursuant to the policy on

the Committee on Government Reform, the entire House delegation of the State of Indiana cosponsored H.R. 2358, and the committee passed the bill.

Both of these bills has been noted to designate the United States Post Office located at 3813 Main Street in East Chicago, Indiana as the Lance Corporal Harold Gomez Post Office.

Mr. Speaker, we have had the opportunity and, indeed, the honor to do a number of these bills in this session as in previous years, and it is always truly a pleasure. I want to begin by extending my compliments both to Senator LUGAR and to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. VISCLOSKEY) for their efforts in bringing this worthy nominee to our attention.

One of the true joys of having the opportunity to handle these kinds of proposals, Mr. Speaker, is that it provides us with the opportunity to honor the widest possible range of United States citizens and to, in that fashion, recognize their achievements, and they are the kinds of achievements that really do span the entire horizon of contributions to country, contributions to community, and all worthy points in between.

Mr. Speaker, today, we have in Corporal Gomez just such an example. The corporal was a fire team leader in a rifle company of the Third Marine Division when in 1967, he was killed by a land mine explosion in South Vietnam. He was the first citizen from Northwest Indiana to die of casualties in that war.

Corporal Gomez received numerous awards, including the Purple Heart, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Presidential Unit Citation, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, RVN, Military Merit Medal, RVN Gallantry Cross Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Rifle Sharp Shooters Badge.

Corporal Gomez was posthumously awarded the Silver Star Medal for his courageous leadership and heroism. As these medals so eloquently attest, Mr. Speaker, Corporal Gomez was truly a hero.

He was a man who put the needs and the safety of his troops, of his fellow servicepeople before himself; and through him, we have again underscored the history of this Nation, a Nation founded upon the principle that in the pursuit of life and liberty and happiness, there is no cost too great, no price too high, that citizens like Corporal Gomez are willingly to extend it, even when that means the loss of their life. That kind of lesson can never be restated too often, I would suggest respectfully, Mr. Speaker.

Certainly, his heroism, his example was felt far and wide. And in his hometown, I think it is important to note that after his death, Central High School in East Chicago, the place from which Corporal Gomez had graduated, named and dedicated the library to him and the American GI Forum of the United States chartered the Harold Gomez Chapters in East Chicago.

I am proud, Mr. Speaker, to join with Senator LUGAR, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. VISCLOSKEY), with the entire House delegation from that great State, and in working with, as always, the minority on the Subcommittee on Postal Service, particularly the gentleman from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH), the ranking member, in ensuring that these kinds of worthy initiatives are brought quickly to this floor.

Mr. Speaker, just one final word of urging that all of our colleagues join us in supporting of this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, let me thank the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH), the chairman of our Subcommittee on Postal Service, for his efforts in helping us bring to the floor this very important legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I want to make a note, even though we act today on a Senate bill, it was the House bill of the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. VISCLOSKEY) that was introduced, as the gentleman from New York (Chairman MCHUGH) has indicated, first and in cooperation with obviously the entire congressional delegation, we now move this Senate bill. I want to commend the gentleman from Indiana for introducing this bill decades after the death of this young man in service to his country.

The gentleman, my good friend, took it upon himself to introduce this legislation to acknowledge the sacrifice of Mr. Gomez and his family on behalf of a grateful Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield as much time as he may consume to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. VISCLOSKEY), my good friend.

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH) for yielding the time to me.

Mr. Speaker, I do rise today to urge my colleagues to support S. 1295, a bill that was sponsored in the United States Senate by Senator LUGAR, a bill to rename the Harbor Branch Post Office at 3813 Main Street in East Chicago in honor of a true hero, Lance Corporal Harold Gomez.

I did have the privilege of introducing the House version of this measure, as the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH) mentioned, H.R. 2358 and would like to thank each of my colleagues from the State of Indiana, Republican and Democrat alike, for their complete bipartisan support of the measure.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to give special thanks to the gentleman from Indiana (Chairman BURTON), chairman of the Committee on Government Reform, for all of his assistance in bringing this bill to the floor and would like to thank the gentleman from New York (Chairman MCHUGH) and the ranking member, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH), for all of

their diligent service in ensuring that this legislation would be heard.

Mr. Speaker, as the first resident of East Chicago, Indiana to be killed while in service to his country during the Vietnam war, Corporal Gomez is a hero and his community would like to honor him in this special way.

The gentleman from New York has already reiterated on the House floor the numerous awards and battle ribbons that the corporal has received and though Harold Gomez' life was tragically cut short, he touched many lives and was admired by both friends and colleagues alike.

Mr. Speaker, I am deeply honored to offer this legislation to honor a true hero of Northwest Indiana. Corporal Gomez distinguished himself in combat and is a source of inspiration to both the residents of East Chicago and the rest of our Nation.

He is worthy of the recognition. On behalf of all of the citizens of Northwest Indiana, particularly our young people and our veterans, I am proud to support this legislation to name the East Chicago Post Office in honor of Corporal Harold Gomez and do ask my colleagues to support it.

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, let me say in conclusion, because we have no further speakers on our side, that I thank the gentleman from New York (Chairman MCHUGH) and I would hope that the naming of this post office, even though it is in East Chicago, Indiana, in some symbolic way represents our appreciation for so many young men who gave their lives in service to this country in the conflict that we now refer to as the Vietnam War.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time but let me just state for the RECORD what many of us understand, but I think it is an important note, that was very legitimately raised by the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. VISLOSKY) who has worked tirelessly on this beginning in 1998, the adoption of the Senate bill today is merely a parliamentary procedure that in no way reflects his lack of concern and, indeed, I would suggest that without his hard work and without his ensuring that indeed the Committee on Government Reform has considered his bill and, to my recollection, unanimously endorsed it, we may not be here today. So I want to pay a final compliment to him and to his diligence and a word of thanks again for his bringing to us a very worthy individual. With that, Mr. Speaker, I urge all of our colleagues to join us in support of this initiative.

Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to speak in support of H.R. 2358, a bill to honor Lance Corporal Harold Gomez, a hero of the Vietnam War. My colleague, PETE VISLOSKY, has introduced the bill to name the East Chicago, Indiana, Post Office for this young hero, the first resident of East Chicago to be killed during the Vietnam War.

It is appropriate to recognize Corporal Gomez' bravery and gallantly in battle.

Corporal Gomez was born in East Chicago in 1946 and perished in action on February 21, 1967, at the young age of 21. His adventuresome spirit and love for America led him to volunteer in the Marine Corps. He was sent to Vietnam in 1966, where he became a fire team leader in a rifle company of the Third Marine Corps. In the brief one year period he fought in Vietnam, he received numerous military awards, including the Purple Heart Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Rifle Sharpshooters Badge. Posthumously, he was awarded the Silver Star Medal for valiant leadership and bravery during the battle that took his life.

This young man of Hispanic (Mexican) heritage of the East Chicago neighborhood represents the best of what it means to be an American. His heroism is a proud symbol of his love for his country and his willingness to defend American democratic principles at the expense of his own life.

His spirit lives on and today we have the opportunity to honor this young hero, whose audacity and fighting spirit will shine as an example for his fellow citizens in the East Chicago, Indiana, neighborhood.

In addition, I think it is important to note that Corporal Gomez is only survived by his mother. She stands as a symbol of the thousands of parents who share in the ultimate sacrifice of losing their only son. Nobody can prepare another for battle, however, it is clear that parents such as Mrs. Gomez ingrained the desire for liberty, courage and selflessness that was so exemplary in their sons. Of such Americans is our country made of.

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 1295.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WALDEN of Oregon). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on H.R. 3100, the bill on the Corrections Calendar, and then on the motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today.

Votes will be taken in the following order: H.R. 3100, by the yeas and nays, and House Resolution 576, by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of pas-

sage of the bill, H.R. 3100, on which further proceedings were postponed.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 420, nays 0, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 498]

YEAS—420

Abercrombie	Cummings	Hinojosa
Ackerman	Cunningham	Hobson
Aderholt	Danner	Hoeffel
Allen	Davis (FL)	Hoekstra
Andrews	Davis (IL)	Holden
Archer	Davis (VA)	Holt
Armey	Deal	Hooley
Baca	DeFazio	Horn
Bachus	DeGette	Hostettler
Baird	Delahunt	Houghton
Baker	DeLauro	Hoyer
Baldacci	DeLay	Hulshof
Baldwin	DeMint	Hunter
Ballenger	Deutsch	Hutchinson
Barcia	Diaz-Balart	Hyde
Barr	Dickey	Inlee
Barrett (NE)	Dicks	Isakson
Barrett (WI)	Dingell	Istook
Bartlett	Dixon	Jackson (IL)
Barton	Doggett	Jefferson
Bass	Dooley	Jenkins
Becerra	Doolittle	John
Bentsen	Doyle	Johnson (CT)
Bereuter	Dreier	Johnson, E. B.
Berkley	Duncan	Johnson, Sam
Berman	Dunn	Jones (NC)
Berry	Edwards	Kanjorski
Biggert	Ehlers	Kaptur
Bilbray	Ehrlich	Kasich
Bilirakis	Emerson	Kelly
Bishop	Engel	Kennedy
Blagojevich	English	Kildee
Bliley	Eshoo	Kilpatrick
Blumenauer	Etheridge	Kind (WI)
Blunt	Evans	King (NY)
Boehlert	Everett	Kingston
Boehner	Farr	Klecza
Bonilla	Fattah	Knollenberg
Bonior	Filner	Kolbe
Bono	Fletcher	Kucinich
Borski	Foley	Kuykendall
Boswell	Forbes	LaFalce
Boucher	Ford	LaHood
Boyd	Fossella	Lampson
Brady (PA)	Fowler	Lantos
Brady (TX)	Frank (MA)	Largent
Brown (FL)	Franks (NJ)	Larson
Brown (OH)	Frelinghuysen	Latham
Bryant	Frost	LaTourette
Burr	Gallegly	Leach
Burton	Ganske	Lee
Buyer	Gejdenson	Levin
Callahan	Gekas	Lewis (CA)
Calvert	Gephardt	Lewis (CA)
Camp	Gibbons	Lewis (KY)
Canady	Gilchrest	Linder
Cannon	Gillmor	Lipinski
Capps	Gilman	LoBiondo
Capuano	Gonzalez	Lofgren
Cardin	Goode	Lowey
Carson	Goodlatte	Lucas (KY)
Castle	Goodling	Lucas (OK)
Chabot	Gordon	Luther
Chambliss	Goss	Maloney (CT)
Chenoweth-Hage	Graham	Maloney (NY)
Clay	Granger	Manzullo
Clayton	Green (TX)	Markey
Clement	Green (WI)	Martinez
Clyburn	Greenwood	Mascara
Coble	Gutierrez	Matsui
Coburn	Hall (OH)	McCarthy (MO)
Collins	Hall (TX)	McCarthy (NY)
Combest	Hansen	McCrery
Condit	Hastings (FL)	McDermott
Conyers	Hastings (WA)	McGovern
Cook	Hayes	McHugh
Cooksey	Hayworth	McInnis
Costello	Hefley	McIntyre
Cox	Heger	McKeon
Coyne	Hill (IN)	McKinney
Cramer	Hill (MT)	McNulty
Crane	Hilleary	Meehan
Crowley	Hilliard	Meek (FL)
Cubin	Hinchey	Meeks (NY)